
 XXV. EXTRACTS from the MINUTE BOOK of the Linnean Society.

April 7, AN account was laid before the Society, from Dr. Mac-
 1801. culloch, F. L. S. of an artifice used by the *Cancer Phalangium*
 to ensnare its prey. This contrivance consists in the insect
 dressing itself up, as it were, in fragments of a *Fucus* (the
 narrow-leaved variety of Hudson's *ciliatus*), which it seems
 to cut off, and to attach to the long hairs of its body and
 legs by means of a glutinous substance. It thus imitates a
 perfect plant of that *Fucus* so accurately as to have deceived
 Dr. Macculloch. See TAB. XXXI.

Oct. 6. L. W. Dillwyn, Esq. F. L. S. sent information of his
 having discovered the *Sysimbrium murale* of Linnæus (a plant
 not hitherto noticed as of British growth) growing wild
 abundantly on the pier at Ramsgate and other places there-
 abouts. He believes it to be rather common throughout the
 isle of Thanet.

Dec. 1. A letter from Dr. Walter Wade, of Dublin, A. L. S. to
 the President, mentions his having found the *Eriocaulon sep-
 taugulare*, *Engl. Bot.* v. 11. t. 733, in Ireland. It has never
 before been seen but in the Isle of Skye. Dr. Wade observed
 it last September, decorating the edges of all the lakes, great
 and small, in the romantic mountainous district of Cunnama-
 rara, in the county of Galway. He remarked the number
 of angles in the stem to vary from 6 to 10, though most
 frequently

frequently 7, and that the generic and specific characters accorded with those given in *Engl. Bot.*

Dec. 15. Information was given that the late Dr. Pulteney, F. R. S. and L. S. had ordered his very valuable Musæum of Natural History to be presented to the Society, on condition of its being preserved as a separate collection, in his name; and that he had also bequeathed to the Society the sum of two hundred pounds stock, in the three per cent. consolidated annuities.